



EUSDR Priority Area 7 (Knowledge Society) Overview

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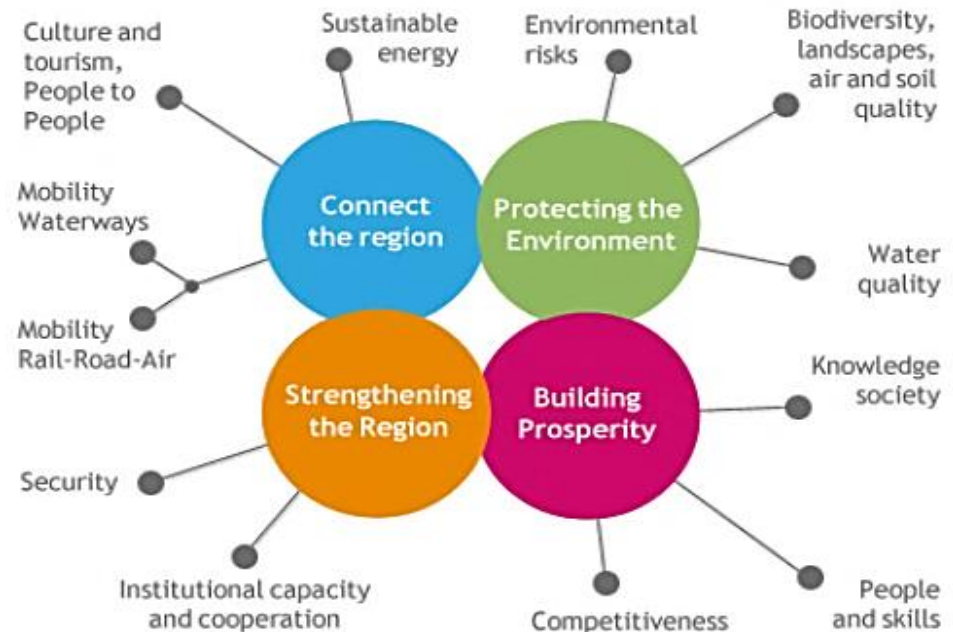
What is PA7 about?

- ▶ Brief overview: PA7/EUSDR
- ▶ Organization and management
 - ▶ Steering group
 - ▶ Working groups
 - ▶ Flagship projects
- ▶ Main targets
- ▶ Progress of PA7 and strategic focus



EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

- EUSDR aims to jointly address common challenges and utilize opportunities
 - ✓ **14 countries, 5 of which non-EU**
 - ✓ **4 pillars and 11 priority areas (PA)**
 - ✓ **each PA is managed by two coordinators from different countries**



PAC teams and SG members

- ▶ The **Priority Area Coordinators (PACs)** are leading the **Steering Groups (SGs)**, which are the expert drivers of a day-to-day implementation.
 - ▶ The role, capacities, resources and engagement of **PACs** and the **Support teams** are key to success;
 - ▶ The **PACs**, together with the **SGs**, ensure the implementation of the **EUSDR** (e.g. by planning, targets setting, by ensuring contacts between project promoters, programmes and funding sources, and by providing technical assistance and advice);
 - ▶ Work of **PACs** is **trans-national, inter-sectorial and inter-institutional**;
 - ▶ **PACs** support **reporting and evaluation** of the **EUSDR** (i.e. identify progress related to the improvements that the actions and projects deliver and achievement of targets)



PA7 – Developing Knowledge Society through Research, Education and ICT

▶ Aims at:

- ▶ better linking education and research policies,
- ▶ increasing investments and
- ▶ better coordination of national, regional and EU funds
in order to

stimulate excellence in research and development and develop and implement strategies to improve the provision and uptake of ICT.

- ▶ Coordinated by Slovakia and Serbia, with the involvement of a wide network of key stakeholders.



PA7 Targets

1. To increase the effectiveness of investment in R&I through establishment of **a funding coordination network** aiming to initiate a minimum of 2 dedicated EUDSR activities each year
 2. To increase the **number of co-publications in the region by 15 % by 2020.**
 3. To develop **RIS3 in all Danube countries (or their regions) by 2020.**
 4. To reach **20% of academic mobility** within the region by 2020.
 5. To increase the **number of EPO and PCT patent applications** from the Danube Region **by 20% by 2020.**
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PA 7 - Working groups

WG 1 Higher education and mobility

- cooperation among universities and research institutions (Danube Rectors' Conference, Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference , the Central European Exchange Program for University Studies (CEEPUS) and others.)
- mobility in the Danube Region
- joint master and doctoral programmes

WG 2 Information and Communication Technologies

- provision and uptake of Information and Communication Technologies in the Danube Region

WG 3 Danube Funding Coordination Network

- coordination of funding sources

WG 4 Communication with JRC with special emphasize on RIS3

- smart Specialisation Platform
- scientific support to EUSDR (4 nexuses: water, land & soil, air, bioenergy)

WG 5 Research and Innovation

- strengthening capacities of research infrastructure
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PA7 - Flagship Projects

1. [DRRIF](#) - Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund
2. [DREAM](#) - Danube River REsearch And Management - from Basic Research to Knowledge Society
3. [INT-VET](#) - Introduction of Elements of Vocational Education and Training in the Slovak Republic
4. [Danube: Future](#) - A sustainable future for the Danube River Basin as a challenge for the interdisciplinary humanities
5. [DANUBIUS](#) - Danube International Centre for Advanced Studies for River-Delta-Sea Systems
6. [HINO](#) - Health Impact of Nanotechnology
7. [DO-IT](#) - Danube Open Innovative Technologies



Progress of the PA7 in period 2015-2017

▶ **Progress on policy level:**

- ▶ The main PA7 activities are focused on a wide dissemination and policy level advocacy for the EUSDR, PA7 targets and obtaining support for the most relevant PA7 actions.
- ▶ Main policy achievements: rising visibility of PA7 targets and actions; enhancing cooperation among DR countries focused on more effective spending of existing resources.
- ▶ Cooperation with DTP



Progress of the PA7

▶ Concrete achievements:

- ▶ German Ministry of Education and Sciences (**BMBF**) “**Danube Call**” (2015-2017)
- ▶ Establishment of **Danube Funding Coordination Network, DFCN** (2016) - to coordinate and synchronise national, bilateral and regional efforts in the DR in order to foster multilateral collaboration in R&I.
- ▶ **EUREKA-Danube Region Call** (2 calls up to now, in 2015 and 2017)
- ▶ **Multilateral call** for funding scientific and technological cooperation projects in the Danube Region with participation of AT, CZ, RS and SK (2016/2017).
- ▶ Progress in the field of **RIS3 development** in the DR countries (in close cooperation with EC JRC)
- ▶ Initiated cooperation with **COST**
- ▶ Under the umbrella of **Danube-INCO.NET** project - developing mechanisms for recognition and labelling of the most relevant project proposals for the EUSDR and PAs. Also the project strongly supported policy dialogue, establishment of Danube Technology Transfer Centers and coordination of funding mechanisms.



PA7 strategic focus in period 2017-2019

- ▶ Support to process of RIS3 development in Danube Region countries
- ▶ Enhancing Danube Coordination Funding Network (DFCN) aiming at the better coordination of available financial resources in the Danube region
- ▶ Strengthening cooperation among education and research institutions and industry in the Danube Region



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